

hardly had time to form them. I know they wish to detach us from France, but that is impossible.

I congratulate you on the success of your last glorious campaign. Establishing the Liberties of America will not only make the People happy, but will have some effect in diminishing the Misery of those who in the other parts of the World groan under Despotism, by rendering it more circumspect, and inducing it to govern with a lighter hand. A Philosopher endow'd with these strong Sentiments of Humanity that are manifested in your excellent Writings, must enjoy great Satisfaction in having contributed so extensively by his Sword as well as by his Pen to the Felicité Publique.

M. Le Comte de Ségur has desired of me a Line of Recommendation to you. I consider his Request rather as a Compliment to me, than as asking what may be of use to him; since I find that all who know him here esteem & love him, and he is certainly not unknown to you.

Dare I confess to you that I am your Rival with Madame G? I need not tell you that I am not a dangerous one. I perceive that She loves you very much; and so does, Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
and most humble Servant

J Franklin